

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (original) Structural Cr-containing steel comprising:

0.002 to 0.02% by mass of C;

0.002 to 0.02% by mass of N;

0.05 to 1.0% by mass of Si;

0.05 to 1.0% by mass of Mn;

0.04% by mass or less of P;

0.02% by mass or less of S;

0.001 to 0.1% by mass; of Al

6.0 to 10.0% by mass of Cr, and

the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities,

wherein the Cr-concentration in the surface layer of the steel is equal to or more than the value wherein 1% by mass is subtracted from the Cr-concentration within the steel.

Claim 2. (original) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 1, further comprising 0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Cu.

Claim 3. (currently amended) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, further comprising at least one of:

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Ni; and

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Mo.

Claim 4. (currently amended) Structural Cr-containing steel according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 3~~, further comprising at least one of:

0.005 to 0.10% by mass of Nb; and

0.005 to 0.20% by mass of V.

Claim 5. (original) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing hot-rolled steel comprising:

a step wherein a steel material comprising:

0.002 to 0.02% by mass of C;

0.002 to 0.02% by mass of N;

0.05 to 1.0% by mass of Si;

0.05 to 1.0% by mass of Mn;

0.04% by mass or less of P;

0.02% by mass or less of S;

0.001 to 0.1% by mass of Al;

6.0 to 10.0% by mass of Cr; and

the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities,  
is formed into a steel strip by hot rolling after

reheating; wherein the steel surface is removed by a removal depth of 10 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  by descaling.

Claim 6. (original) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing cold-rolled steel, wherein following said descaling processing according to Claim 5, cold rolling, annealing cold-rolled steel, and pickling are performed.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 5 ~~or~~ ~~Claim 6~~, wherein said steel material further comprising Cu of 0.1 to 1.0% by mass.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 5 ~~or~~ ~~Claim 6~~, wherein said steel material further comprising at least one of:

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Ni; and

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Mo.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 5 ~~or~~ ~~Claim 6~~, wherein said steel material further comprising at least one of:

0.005 to 0.10% by mass of Nb; and

0.005 to 0.20% by mass of V.

Claim 10. (currently amended) Structural Cr-containing steel according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 4~~, wherein said steel is employed for freezing containers.

Claim 11. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing hot-rolled steel according to Claim 5 ~~or any one of Claim 7 through Claim 9~~, wherein said structural Cr-containing steel is employed for frame material of freezing containers.

Claim 12. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing cold-rolled steel according to Claim 6 ~~or any one of Claim 7 through Claim 9~~, wherein said structural Cr-containing steel is employed for external-wall material of freezing containers.

Claim 13. (original) A freezing container formed of said Cr-containing steel according to Claim 10, wherein formation of said freezing container is made by forming and welding, and wherein the steel surface is coated with dry-paint film thickness of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or more.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A freezing container formed of said Cr-containing steel manufactured with said manufacturing method according to Claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein

formation of said freezing container is made by forming and welding, and wherein the steel surface is coated with dry-paint film thickness of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or more.

Claim 15. (currently amended) Structural Cr-containing steel according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 4~~, wherein said steel is used for civil engineering and construction.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing hot-rolled steel according to Claim 5 ~~or any one of Claim 7 through Claim 9~~, wherein said structural Cr-containing hot-rolled steel is used for civil engineering and construction.

Claim 17. (currently amended) A manufacturing method for structural Cr-containing cold-rolled steel according to Claim 6 ~~or any one of Claim 7 through Claim 9~~, wherein said structural Cr-containing steel is used for civil engineering and construction.

Claim 18. (new) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 2, further comprising at least one of:

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Ni; and

0.1 to 1.0% by mass of Mo.

Claim 19. (new) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 2, further comprising at least one of:

0.005 to 0.10% by mass of Nb; and

0.005 to 0.20% by mass of V.

Claim 20. (new) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 3, further comprising at least one of:

0.005 to 0.10% by mass of Nb; and

0.005 to 0.20% by mass of V.

Claim 21. (new) Structural Cr-containing steel according to Claim 18, further comprising at least one of:

0.005 to 0.10% by mass of Nb; and

0.005 to 0.20% by mass of V.